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Security Council

10:00 — 7409th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/172)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region (S/2015/173)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (S/2015/172 and S/2015/173)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7409th meeting.

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Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 2nd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

[Letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Informal consultations on modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development convened by the Permanent Missions of Guyana and Norway, will take place *today*, 19, and *tomorrow*, 20 March 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 12:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))

12:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Safety and security: Programme criticality (A/69/530 and A/69/786))

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on on agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015:

Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/69/643, A/69/643/Corr.1 and A/69/787)

Capital master plan (A/69/360, A/69/5 (Vol.V)*, A/69/353 (Chapt. III) and A/69/529))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	1. United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei	
	2. Executive meeting	

International Civil Service Commission
Eightieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
	Compensation review	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00	294th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	17th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4

1. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2015/2, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2015/NGO/36,

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(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (E/CN.6/2015/5, E/CN.6/2015/6-A/HRC/29/3 and E/CN.6/2015/9)

Introduction of draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.2

2. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions (E/CN.6/2015/7 and E/CN.6/2015/8) [item 5]

Panel discussion on "The Commission on the Status of Women as a catalyst for gender mainstreaming – a dialogue with functional commissions"

15:00 to 18:00 18th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions (E/CN.6/2015/7 and E/CN.6/2015/8) [item 5]

Panel discussion on "Managing the transition from MDGs to SDGs: lessons learned for gender equality from the MDGs and galvanizing transformative change"

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission Website (*click here*). To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations as soon as possible (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-ninth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 19 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/69/L.50, entitled "Improving Nutrition" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Group of Least Developed Countries (on post 2015 development agenda) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Thursday, 19 March 2015

Workshop on "Women negotiating peace: Twenty years after Beijing" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office, the Olof Palme Foundation and the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

From 09:45 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "The Paradox of Income and Happiness" (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI)), in collaboration with Live Happy)

From 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Special event on "Leaving no one behind: Tackling inequalities in the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Republic of Tanzania, the Overseas Development Institute and the United Nations Foundation)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact the Permanent Mission of Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (General Assembly resolution 64/253) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

From 15:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Hossein Gharibi, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mails iran@un.int, or gharibi14@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 687-2020, ext. 253).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 19 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

10:30	Mr. Mustafa Dzhemilev, human rights activist and leader of Crimean Tatars [sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guests:* Mr. John Ging, Director, Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); Ms. Afshan Khan, Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and a United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representative]

Conference Room 2 stakeout [webcast]

16:30 (approximately)	Her Excellency Kaimonda Murmokaitė, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations; and Mr. Mustafa Dzhemilev, human rights activist and leader of Crimean Tatars (press encounter)

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Informal meetings of the plenary in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decisions 69/550 and 69/555, focusing on sustainable development goals and targets, will be held from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 March 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 March and 17 March 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Conference Room 11 will serve as overflow room.

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The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, at 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall to consider agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 20 March 2015

General Assembly
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10:00 — 82nd plenary meeting[1] — General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; Commemorative Meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [items 7[2] and 66]

[1]A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

[2]To reopen agenda item 66.

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The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any

other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

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Informal meeting under agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

An informal meeting on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015 by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 20 March 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal meeting

The Chair of the Disarmament Commission will hold an informal meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency Maria Emma Mejia Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Friday, 20 March 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Briefing

The Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will brief Member States on Friday, 20 March 2015, at 12:00, in Conference Room 3, on the preparations for the integration segment of the 2015 session of the Council which will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015. All are invited to attend.

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from 11:30 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and

title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For additional information, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are invited to submit their nominations *no later* than Friday, 20 March 2015, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests will be held on Friday, 20 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The theme of the event is "International Day of Forests: Create a Climate Smart Future".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forest-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and conclude with a general discussion on "2015 a time for global action for forests and a climate smart future". The programme of the event is available on the website of the Forum Secretariat.

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, interested Member States and other delegations are kindly requested to provide, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, today*, 19 March 2015. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes*. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org, with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-eighth session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart@un.org at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Fifty-fifth session

Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fourteenth session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its fourteenth session from Monday, 20 April, to Friday, 1 May 2015, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2015/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2015/L.1.

Participation and seating arrangements

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 8 April 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fourteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous (or *click here*).

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

The fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of speakers

The list of speakers will open as of Wednesday, 1 April 2015. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in *Conference Room 4*.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "Measuring Progress: Sustainable Development Goal 6, to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all" (co-organized by the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), the UN-Water and the Steering Group of the Friends of Water)

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room A.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Nicolas Franke, UNSGAB (e-mail franken*@*un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3821).]

Panel discussion on "My Opportunities, My Choices – Enjoying Full and Equal Rights and the Role of Families" (on the occasion of the World Down Syndrome Day (21 March) (General Assembly resolution 66/149)) (co-organized by the Down Syndrome International (DSi), the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Poland, Qatar and Singapore, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and Inclusion International

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 10:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Doulton, DESA (e-mail doultonf*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4466). For more information, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Languages and diversity, factors of peace" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the International Organization of la Francophonie (OIF))

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. David Nefzi, OIF (e-mail david.nefzi@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness (20 March) (General Assembly resolution 66/281)

Discussion and short video on the "Pursuit of happiness" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sao Tome and Principe and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa D. Mezoui, UNAOC (tel. 1 (718) 552-6588).]

Event on "Young People in Support of Climate Action" (organized by the Outreach Division, Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation)

Friday, 20 March 2015, from 17:00 to 18:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharine Smith, DPI (e-mail smith2@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-3748); to register, please *click here*.]

Special event on "Communication tools on sustainable development in French language" (organized by the the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF))

Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Claire Schiettecatte, OIF (e-mail claire.schiettecatte@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).]

Event on "Power of Collaboration: Women, Technology and Social Innovation – Creating the Future of Inclusive, Sustainable Economies" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic and the Impact Leadership 21)

Wednesday, 25 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Barbora Skacelova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail barbora_skacelova@mzv.cz). To register, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Innovative Technologies: Making the world of books accessible to people who are print disabled" (co-organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 25 March 2015, from 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071; or 1 (212) 963-6813).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
(Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be held from Tuesday, 14 April to Thursday, 16 April 2015, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. A note verbale, dated 30 January 2015, was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations. The annotated provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/1.

Participating States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and regional commissions wishing to attend the session of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat in advance of the session (e-mail muturi@un.org, with copy to habitat3secretariat@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3783)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. In order to facilitate the accreditation process, participants are strongly encouraged to submit their delegation lists *as early as possible*.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail muturi@un.org). Statements should be limited to *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

Additional information on the second session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III is available from the Conference website (www.habitat3.org).

Announcements

Launch of the newly redesigned website of the United Nations: www.un.org

The Department of Public Information is pleased to announce the launch of the new United Nations web portal (www.un.org) in all six official languages, on Friday, 20 March 2015. The top layers of the United Nations website and its home page have been completely redesigned and restructured, with full accessibility for persons with disabilities, resulting in a more intuitive and vibrant user experience that reflects a modern and forward looking United Nations. Information on the portal is organized in categories, with resource pages dedicated to specific audiences (delegates, journalists, civil society, academia, job seekers and visitors), allowing users to find and bookmark the pages in which they are interested quickly and easily. New sections such as "In Focus", "In the Spotlight", "Our Priorities" and "The United Nations System at Work" promote the multifaceted work of the United Nations around the world. The website has been built by the Department's Web Services Section, using the latest Drupal technology supported by OICT. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Dawkins (e-mail dawkins@un.org).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Introduction to Library Services

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. *The deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7407th meeting *Security Council mission*

Briefing by Security Council mission to Africa (9 to 13 March 2015)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the representative of Angola and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France, on the Security Council mission to Africa.

7408th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2015/157)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Sandra Honoré, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Honoré.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Angola, Jordan, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Spain, Nigeria, New Zealand, Lithuania, China, Chad, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation and Chile, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Brazil, Guatemala and Colombia.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries, Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Japan, Peru, Argentina, Canada, Belize, Antigua and Barbuda (speaking on behalf of the fourteen member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), and Uruguay (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti).

Ms. Honoré made further remarks.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

[archived video]

15th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third

special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18) (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) opened the meeting.

The Commission held a panel discussion on "Realizing the rights of marginalized and disadvantaged women and girls" moderated by Ms. Alda Facio, member of the Working Group on Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice.

Presentations were made by Dr. Kim Eun Mee, Advisor, Korea International Cooperation Agency, Republic of Korea; Ms. Anasztázia Nagy, Program Officer, Roma Education Fund, Hungary; Ms. Teresia Njoki Otieno, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS and development specialist, Kenya; and Ms. Petrona Laura Reyes Quino, member of Mayan Organization of Women living with disabilities, Guatemala.

In the ensuing interactive dialogue, the panellists responded to the statements made and questions posed by the representatives of the Niger, Guyana, Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Indonesia, Uganda, Paraguay, Burkina Faso, the Sudan, Japan and China.

The observers for Italy, Gabon, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Iraq, Mauritius, Morocco, Mauritania, Philippines, Mali and the Solomon Islands also made statements.

A statement was also made by the observer for the European Union.

The representatives of the non-governmental organizations, the Australian Lesbian Medical Association, the International Presentation Association and the Association internationale des droits de l'homme, also participated.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) made a statement.

16th meeting

Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

The Commission considered the agenda item in a closed session.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission resumed its general discussion under the agenda item as a whole.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations made statements: National Alliance of Women's Organizations, Soroptimist International, Widows for Peace Through Democracy, Women's Missionary Society African Methodist Episcopal Church (also on behalf of Ecumenical Women), Working Group on Girls, Chirapaq Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú, International Association of Democratic lawyers, Presbyterian Church (United States), Stichting Rutgers WPF, Socialist International Women, YWCA/World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and Coalition Against Trafficking in Women.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion under agenda item 3 as a whole.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Thailand).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

[archive video]

7th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Jayeshwar Raj Dayal, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, Disaster and Beach Management of Mauritius; His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Congo; His Excellency Paousman Jarju, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Water and Wild Life of the Gambia; His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister in Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands; Her Excellency Kadiatu N'Diaye, Minister in charge of Environment, Water and Forest of Guinea; His Excellency Hilary Obaloker Onek, Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda; His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Fiji; Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia; the representatives of Nicaragua, Benin, Ireland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Papua New Guinea.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the Council of Europe, the Economic Community for Central African States, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Arab States, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Health Organization and the East African Community.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

8th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Nicole Angeline Zan Yelemou, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso; His Excellency Eugene Serufuli, Minister for Rural Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Guy Maixent Mamiaka, Vice-Minister of Interior of Gabon; the representatives of Jordan, Canada, Belgium, Libya, Haiti, Finland, Afghanistan and Colombia; His Excellency Milton Henriquez, Minister of Government of Panama; the representatives of Sierra Leone, Lesotho, the Cook Islands, Denmark, Uruguay, Barbados, Guyana and Palau.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations University and the Gulf Cooperation Council; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; the representatives of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Hydrographic Organization, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Group on Earth Observation, the Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America, the Pacific Islands Forum and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group, the Local Authorities Major Group, the Business and Industry Major Group, the Children and Youth Major Group, the Farmers and small forest landowners Major Group and the Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3 "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together"

The Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, opened the dialogue and made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Ms. Veronica Pedrosa of Al Jazeera, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt; Her Excellency Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania; His Excellency Nicola Valluzzi, President of the province of Potenza, Italy; Mr. William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla of ONG Inclusiva; and Ms. Josephine Basibas Castillo of DAMPA, a civil society Organization from the Philippines.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Maldives, Mexico, New Caledonia (associate member), Egypt, Japan, South Africa, Nepal, the Philippines and Ecuador.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Bank.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following civil society organizations: World Federation of the Deaf, Global Networking of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, International Association of Applied Psychology and the Global Water Partnership.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: Women; and Business and Industry.

The Moderator, the Chair and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together" closed.

Ministerial round table 5 on "Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 5, His Excellency Raed Arafat, Secretary of State of the Department of Emergency Situations of Romania, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Ghana, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Panama, Cabo Verde and Fiji.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the East African Community.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Japan Business Federation, Municipal Council of Nablus, State of Palestine, the Institute of Risk Management and Climate Change of Bogota, and "Youth Beyond Disasters" (a civil society organization).

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 5 closed.

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Main Committee

2nd meeting

The Co-Chair (Finland) opened the meeting.

The Co-Chair (Finland) drew the attention of the Committee to the draft outcome document entitled "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030".

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee decided to recommend the draft outcome document for adoption by the Conference.

The Co-Chair (Finland) drew the attention of the Committee to the draft Political Declaration entitled "Sendai Declaration".

The Committee decided to recommend the draft Political Declaration for adoption by the Conference.

The Chair drew the attention to the draft resolution acknowledging the voluntary commitments to implement a Post-2015 Framework, as orally revised.

A statement was made by the representative of Turkey.

The Committee decided to recommend the draft resolution for adoption by the Conference, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, the Philippines and Egypt.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction made a statement.

The Co-Chair (Thailand) made a statement.

The Co-Chair (Finland) declared closed the second meeting of the Main Committee.

Plenary

[archive video]

9th plenary meeting

Other matters [item 12]

The President made a statement, in the course of which she informed the Conference that, in accordance with the programme of work of the Conference (A/CONF.224/2*), the Chairs' written summaries of the five ministerial round tables and three high-level partnership dialogues would be posted on the Conference's website and included in the final report of the Conference.

Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, Minister Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador, made a statement.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Report of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (b)]

The Chair of the Credential Committee, His Excellency Shameem Ahsan (Bangladesh), made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.224/4).

The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/CONF.224/4), taking into account the oral update provided.2

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 7.

Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference (A/CONF.224/CRP.1, A/CONF.224/CRP.2, A/CONF.224/CRP.3 and A/CONF.224/L.2) [item 11]

The Co-Chair of the Main Committee, His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand), made a statement, in the course of which he presented an oral report to the Conference on the work of the Committee.

The Conference decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 29 of the rules of procedure.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution entitled "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030" (provisionally contained in A/CONF.224/CRP.1 and to be issued as A/CONF.224/L.1), as recommended by the Main Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution entitled "Sendai Declaration" (provisionally contained in A/CONF.224/CRP.2 and to be issued as A/CONF.224/L.2) as recommended by the Main Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution entitled "Stakeholders' voluntary commitments" (provisionally contained in A/CONF.224/CRP.3 and to be issued as A/CONF.224/L.3) as recommended by the Main Committee.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution entitled "Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Japan" (A/CONF.224/L.4).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 11.

Adoption of the report of the Conference (A/CONF.224/L.5) [item 13]

The Rapporteur-General of the Conference, His Excellency Toni Frisch (Switzerland), made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.224/L.5).

The Conference adopted the draft report (A/CONF.224/L.5) and authorized the Rapporteur-General to finalize the report.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13.

Closure of the Conference

Statements were made by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, President of the Conference.

The President declared closed the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

Accession: Marshall Islands (16 March 2015)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Withdrawal of reservation made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification: El Salvador (18 March 2015)

Accession: Marshall Islands (17 March 2015)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Withdrawal of reservation made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification: El Salvador (18 March 2015)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 10 December 2008

Ratification: France (18 March 2015)

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African States:
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His Excellency Wilfried Emvula

Asia-Pacific States:
Yemen
His Excellency Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
His Excellency Andrej Logar

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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His Excellency Courtenay Rattray

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Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet

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